



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON
DISABILITIES
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://laccod.org>**

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

1:00 PM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-1819)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Link available of unofficial transcripts by Total Recall. (14-1843)

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Call to Order. (14-1727)

**President Janet A. Neal called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.
Commissioner Wan Chun Chang joined the meeting at 1:22 p.m.
establishing a quorum.**

Present: President Janet A. Neal, Vice President Winslow C. Reitnouer,
Treasurer Wendy Welt Narro, Commissioner Edward A. Colley,
Commissioner John R. James, Commissioner Alexia Teran and
Commissioner Wan Chun Chang

Absent: Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish

Excused: 2nd Vice Chairperson John B. Troost, Commissioner Michael
Gureckas, Commissioner Steve Miller, Commissioner Kecia
Brooke Weller and Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of March 19, 2014. (14-1270)

**On motion of Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by
Commissioner John James, this item was approved with the following
correction:**

On Agenda Item 8, Page 4 Paragraph 4, Amend the statement of Daniel

Garcia to state: Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission on sidewalks issues.

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[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT_Final](#)

2. Appointment of Nominating Committee and discussion of Election Process for 2014-2015 Officers. (14-1728)

President Janet A. Neal appointed Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro to assist with the election process. Commissioner John James, Chair of the Nominating Committee reported that Declaration of Candidacy forms are available and need to be submitted by May 1, 2014 for review by the Committee to present the Slate of Officers at the May 21, 2014 regular meeting.

After discussion, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

Attachments: [CD ByLaws_Nominating Committee](#)
[DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY_2014_2015](#)

II. PRESENTATION

3. Presentation by Jim Mohr, Health Insurance Broker and LaRita Brown, Patient Health Advocate on services provided by Health Advocacy for Life Organization (H.A.L.O.) to families, seniors, dependents and individuals regarding healthcare. (14-1784)

Jim Mohr, and LaRita Brown, provided an overview of their organization and responded to questions posed by Commissioners and members of the public. Mr. Mohr stated that "Know Your Healthcare Rights Seminars" are offered to assist individuals enrolling in California Care. Ms. Brown reported that H.A.L.O. also rates nursing facilities in Los Angeles County and disseminates the information to the public. They ensured they would be able to provide everyone that is enrolled in California Care, assistance regarding coverage by personally making the necessary phone calls/inquiries. They noted everyone with coverage should make sure their doctors and hospitals were under the same selected coverage.

Commissioner Ed Colley commented on this item.

Genevieve Clavreul, a member of the public, addressed the Commission and questioned how the "doughnut hole" affects would be for certain health care coverages such as diabetic prescriptions. Mr. Mohr stated the Pharmaceutical Association would be a good frame of reference to

assist constituents with problems concerning overpriced medications.

Linda Block, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on non participation of Kaiser and AARP with the Affordable Healthcare Plan.

Following the presentation, President Janet A. Neal thanked the speakers for their excellent presentation.

No action was taken by the Commission.

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III. REPORTS

- 4.** President's Report for April 2014. (14-1729)

President Janet A. Neal acknowledged and introduced Miss Theresa De Vera, Miss Wheelchair California and Interim President of the Los Angeles City Commission on Disability. She also presented a birthday card to Audra Galang, Commission Services staff. President Neal also spoke about the effects of her Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome.

- 5.** Recommendation as submitted by Treasurer Wendy Welt Narro: Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2013-14. (14-0449)

Treasurer Wendy Welt Narro reported the Commission's Trust Fund expenses and the projected Trust Fund balance after expenses for Fiscal Year 2014 was \$2,760.57.

After discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, the Treasurer's Report was received and filed.

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- 6.** Executive Committee report related to the Ordinance and Quorum of the Commission. (14-1738)

President Janet A. Neal reported that the Executive Committee was still working with County Counsel to address the Commission's concerns related to the Ordinance and Quorum. County Counsel is also reviewing the possibility of alternates.

Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro commented on this item.

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7. Monthly Report by Standing Committees:

- Education - Troost (Chair), James, Neal
- Events - Neal (Chair), Troost, Reitnouer, Teran, Wright
- Housing and Social Services - Welt Narro (Chair), Teran
- Transportation - Neal (Chair), Reitnouer, Troost, Teran (14-1730)
- **Education**
No report was given.
- **Events**
Chair Janet A. Neal shared that she is expecting 600 guests and the 2014 Access Awards Luncheon is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Omni Hotel on October 20, 2014. She also added that she will need the assistance of all of the Commissioners.
- **Housing and Social Services**
Chair Wendy Welt Narro reported the next meeting will be in June.
- **Transportation**
President Janet A. Neal reported on the continuance of discussion on blue curb, gas refueling, leveled sidewalks and taxi coupons. She noted 1st Vice President Winslow Reitnouer will join her at the City of Los Angeles Commission on Disability meeting to be held next month.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT EVENTS COMMITTEE](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES](#)

8. Receive and File the March 20, 2014 Revised Board Box Report on Access Services, Incorporated monthly Board meeting. (14-1732)

President Janet A. Neal noted the supporting document for filing by the Commission on behalf of Commissioner John B. Troost.

There being no discussion, this item was received and filed.

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9. Monthly Report by Louis Burns, Access Services Customers Support Administrator, Access Services Incorporated. (14-1733)

Prior to his report, Mr. Louis Burns, introduced Mike Greenwood, Director of Emergency Preparedness of Access Services Inc. and noted Mr. Greenwood oversees safety, insurance claims, and the Bureau for Alcohol for Access Services, Inc.

Mr. Burns provided a follow-up report concerning the safety straps on a

Access Services vehicle and noted he would provide the Commission informational flyers of upcoming community meeting/workshops as they become available.

He concluded his report by announcing Access Services Inc., will have a presenter from their Eligibility Department address the Commission's concerns regarding transit requirements.

Commissioner Alexia Teran commented on this item.

- 10. Monthly Report presented by Jess Segovia, ADA Manager, and Giovanna Gogreve, ADA Para-transit Program Administrator for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO). (14-1734)**

In the absence of METRO representatives, President Janet A. Neal read a flyer listing town hall meetings scheduled for May 2014 in various regions to discuss Access Services.

- 11. Monthly Staff Report by Emma De Jesus. (14-1731)**

Emma De Jesus reported that the Quality and Productivity Commission's Leadership Conference is scheduled to be held on May 28, 2014 at the Music Center. Interested Commissioners were requested to contact staff to confirm reservations.

Also, Ms. De Jesus reminded Commissioners to complete their mandatory trainings. She noted Commissioners do have an option to take the online training classes at the Hall through the Executive Office, Human Resources office.

IV. DISCUSSION

- 12. Discussion of Assembly Bill AB2714, which prohibits a local government from limiting any way the authority for all disabled persons to park a vehicle in any restricted parking zones. (14-1764)**

President Janet A. Neal opened for discussion the Assembly Bill AB2714.

Commissioner Alexia Teran requested clarification on this item.

Commissioner Ed Colley requested staff provide Commissioners the text of AB2714 for review for possible further discussion at a later meeting.

Genevieve Clavreul, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on placard renewals.

Linda Block, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on regulations.

After discussion, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

13. Commissioner Announcements. (14-1735)

Commissioner John James reminded Commissioners to use the Declaration of Candidacy form when submitting their intent to run for President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer and return to staff by May 1, 2014.

Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro announced she will discuss with Housing and Social Services Committee information regarding the removal of In-Home Support Services (IHSS) caregiver unions and will report back to the Commission at a later date.

Genevieve Clavreul, a member of the public addressed the Commission.

Matters Not Posted

14. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-1275)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

15. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-1736)

Genevieve Clavreul, addressed the Commission regarding malpractice suits.

Anthony Narro and Donna Morgan addressed the Commission on sensitivity for persons with identifiable and unidentifiable disabilities.

Linda Block addressed the Commission regarding a candidate for Governor that advocates for the disabled community.

Adjournment

16. Adjournment of the April 16, 2014. (14-1737)

On motion of Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by Commissioner Alexia Teran, the meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m. in memory of Mickey Rooney and Jim Helwig.